

April 15, 1940.

Dr. J. B. Martin,
Chairman Negro American League,

Dear Sir:

I am addressing this communication to Dr. J. B. Martin, Chairman of the Negro American League and Mr. Thos. T. Wilson, Chairman of the Negro National League, and I am asking you Gentlemen, if you feel inclined in the capacity of Chairman of these Organizations, to take any official steps to protest the fact that our Ball players are being taken from us by these foreign Countries.

I have given a great deal of thought to the matter in recent days and have concluded that for the large amount of money I have invested, all I really have for that money is the Ball players. I feel, in justice to myself, I should voice the fact that I feel I am being treated very unfairly. There are no doubt many ball players scattered over the countryside, who are as good as these men being taken from us, but these Countries will not want them until we have spent money to train them and publicize them, for this outlay of cash on our parts we are entitled to some compensation. An effort should be made to try and do something about this situation, if it does not meet with success, we will at least feel that we did not sit childishly by and permit some one to rob us without putting forth the effort that any normal human being would make to protect his possessions.

I am asking you two, as Chairman of your respect Leagues, to do something about this situation. If you are not inclined to agree with me, I will proceed as an individual who has been hurt to the extent of losing Willie Wells, Raymond Dandridge, and I understand Leon Day is planning to go. Maybe next year and all the years to come, we will have developed new Stars and we can expect them to be taken in the same way. Please do not misinterpret the tone of this letter, as a Member of the Organization, I am not trying to dictate to the Chairman what his